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Library Grand Opening

Celebrate A Novel Evening

Celebration: *a word that conjures images of a festive party attended by a joyful crowd.* It's also the theme for the long-anticipated opening of the new **Lafayette Library and Learning Center** and **Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium**. *"Celebrate A Novel Evening"* is the not-to-be-missed gala preview party on Saturday evening, November 7.

CELEBRATE A NOVEL EVENING
Gala Preview Party
Saturday, November 7th
6:30pm

SpringLoaf Catering of Lafayette will present a tantalizing menu featuring food inspired by classic American novels: Sample delectable treats at the *Huckleberry Finn* and *Cannery Row* food stations. Taste the best of San Francisco at *Tales of the City*. Relive your childhood with dishes inspired by Dr. Seuss. Imagine Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler as you enjoy southern classics. Take an international leap with Asian-fusion food inspired by the *Joy Luck Club*. And of course, the celebration would not be complete without a toast to the spirit of F. Scott Fitzgerald with a signature cocktail.

And what's a celebration without music? The evening festivities will include instrumental and vocal performances by some of our community's most talented members — students from Stanley Middle School, Acalanes High School, Campolindo High School and Bentley High School.

Mixx Company, a San Francisco ten-piece band, will also perform for two hours in a beautiful tent that will span Mt. Diablo Boulevard in front of the library. Guests can dance to a wide range of songs, both contemporary and classic.

Have you been dreaming of a vacation to Cabo San Lucas or escaping to Carmel for the weekend? How about commemorating the event in style with a gorgeous Tiffany & Co. diamond celebration ring? These are among the many items that will be raffled at the Gala.

Because parking will not be available at the new library that evening, guests will be provided with complimentary shuttle service from the BART parking lot throughout the evening.

Gala tickets: $175/person; raffle tickets: $100/ticket. Both are available for purchase by visiting the Lafayette Library & Learning Center Foundation website.

A Day of Community Celebration for One and All

What was once only imagined is now a reality; the **Grand Opening** event for the new **Lafayette Library and Learning Center** will be Saturday, November 14 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Do not miss the opportunity to christen this amazing destination with a full day of celebration and festivities!

Come check out what's inside — experience the Living Media Wall, browse through the art gallery, take a quiet moment in the Glenn Seaborg Garden, find a favorite spot on the Adult Reading deck, visit the Community Hall and Teen Center and don't miss the Tech Lab or the new Friends Book Room! Docents will be available to help you explore and find the special areas you'll want to revisit over and over in the years ahead.

You will also have a chance to meet all 12 of the **Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium** partners who will offer unique previews only available at the Grand Opening. You'll want to get an up close look at the wild creatures and raptors that will be in residence for the day, watch live performances in the amphitheatre, view the theatrical costumes that will be on display, make and launch a rocket, or simply have someone take your blood pressure — because we know you'll be that excited! Whatever your interests, the day will provide plenty to captivate, enthrall and educate everyone in the family.

GRAND OPENING
of the
Lafayette Library & Learning Center
Saturday, November 14th
9am – 5pm

There will be complimentary refreshments along with special musical interludes at various venues throughout the day. A complete program of events and activities will be available in October. Between now and then, if you want to know more about this brilliant and dynamic addition to our community, please take the time to visit the LL&LC Foundation website. See you on Saturday, November 14th!

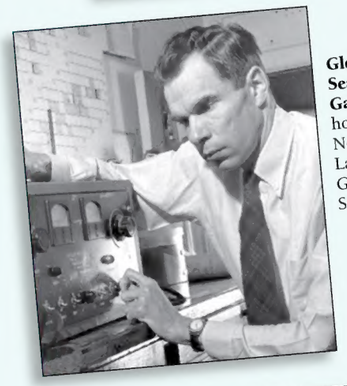
For more information visit the LL&LC Foundation website: **www.lafayettelib.com** *or call:* **925-283-6513**

Check It Out!

If you've driven past the corner of First Street and Mt. Diablo Boulevard, you've seen the *outside* of your stunning new library. Now check out what's *inside*, in alphabetical order, of course:

Kana Tanaka's blown glass portholes at the **Children's Activity Deck**

Covered Bicycle Parking



Glenn Seaborg Garden honors Nobel Laureate Glenn Seaborg

Old Betsy, Model T Fire Truck

Big Dipper Windows in the Children's Library

- **Arts & Science Discovery Center** • A special classroom where the Einsteins and Monets among us will be offered a variety of programs, camps, and curricula.
- **Big Dipper** • Just for fun, the architect added seven round windows in the children's library mimicking the Big Dipper.
- **Café** • A friendly spot to pick up your afternoon pick-me-up, and maybe indulge in just a tiny slice of that lemon pound cake.
- **Children's Activity Deck** • Come with the kids and check out artist Kana Tanaka's blown glass portholes. Kana's glasswork will turn your world upside-down.
- **Children's Library** • If the old children's library was inadequate, this magical place can only be called exquisite.
- **The Collection!** • With a capacity of 125,000 volumes, the new Library will have room for about two-and-a-half times the books of its predecessor. And did we mention the DVDs, Books On Tape, music CDs, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, reference materials, Large Print works….? Something for everyone!
- **Community Art Gallery** • If you're an artist, here's your chance to display your work. The city's Library Art Committee will host rotating art exhibits in this large foyer outside the Community Hall.
- **Community Hall** • This much-needed multi-purpose hall will host movies, concerts, lectures, parties, anniversaries, and city council meetings. Musicians, in particular, will appreciate the new Steinway Model-B piano that was purchased especially for the room.
- **Covered Bicycle Parking** • Now, when you ride to the Library, the bike will be well covered and snug as a bug.
- **Driver's Side Automated Book Return** • No longer will you have to lug your books into the Library to return them…just cruise up to the drive-in Book Return and slip 'em in the slot. And the magical mechanism even sorts the books for shelving, as well as checking them in.
- **Friends of the Lafayette Library Book Room** • This will be THE place to buy ***best-sellers*** at ***bargain-cellar*** prices. A book for a buck (or two)… what a deal! The Book Room will be open 44 hours a week and every dollar supports the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center.
- **Glenn Seaborg Garden** • This zen-inspired atrium honors 40-year resident and Nobel Laureate Glenn Seaborg.
- **Homework Center** • A quiet room where the kids can get their homework done after school — and maybe even get some tutorial help from time to time.
- **Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation Headquarters** • At last, a permanent home for the miracle organization that, every year, augments Lafayette's public schools by raising over $1M for arts, science, music and technology programming.
- **Living Media Wall** • Located at the front door, the Living Media Wall will feature art, film, music, announcements, and everything in between.
- **New Home of the Lafayette Historical Society** • After forty years of storing things in garages and attics, the Society finally has a place for its files, photos, and archives, all neatly organized for research. Volunteers and history buffs are welcome, so come on down!
- **Old Betsy** • Lafayette's sassiest old lady — the community's 1926 Model T Fire Truck — finally has its own well-deserved place of honor, too. Stop by and admire its shiny chassis and newly rebuilt wheels.
- **Outdoor Reading Deck** • Grab a coffee, a newspaper, and enjoy them both out on the deck.
- **Redwood, Walnut, and Willow Conference Rooms** • Have a committee meeting but nobody will offer up the dining room table? Come to the Library and book a conference room.
- **Solar Art** • Using a series of mirrors and prisms, renowned solar artist Peter Erskine will deliver everchanging washes of color to the back corner of the library.
- **Solar Carport** • Rather than let it bake your car, we'll capture the sun with solar panels and use it to heat and power and light the building. Just one of many "green" features in the building.
- **"Speechless"** • This sixteen foot tall, precariously balanced bronze tower of pages will certainly catch your eye as you walk by. It may even leave you "speechless," which is what artist Brian Goggins has named the piece.
- **Storytelling Corner** • Built especially for Miss Donna, the best storyteller in the western United States, this is the special stair-stepped corner where the little ones will sit to enjoy story time. Moms and dads can sit here, too, knees willing.
- **Technology Lab** • Twenty brand-new computers available free of charge to help people meet their daily needs. If you have your own laptop, the entire building will also be wireless.
- **Teen Center** • Where the Boys Are…and the Girls, too, checking out books, CDs, DVDs, and each other.
- **Your Name on the Donor Wall** • It's not too late — there's still room for your family's name here! Show your kids, grandkids, and community how much you support libraries and feel the pride of ***donorship*** every time you enter the library. A donation of $1,000 or more puts your name in the Main Staircase; $25,000 or more permanently honors your family's name in the Main Lobby. If you're interested in making a donation, contact the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation at **www.lafayettelib.com** or 925.283.6513.

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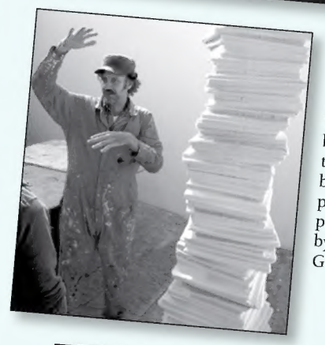
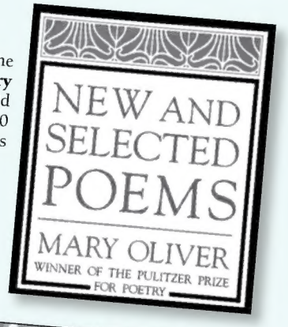
Solar Art by Peter Erskine



Speechless, 16-foot bronze tower of books, pages & papers by Brian Goggins

The **Community Hall** will have its own grand piano



The **Library** will hold 125,000 books

Technology Lab, computers available free of charge, entire building will be wireless

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More than 2,000 local donors and community groups have given their talents, time, and financial gifts. It's not too late to ***join in and support the success*** of your Library and Learning Center and have your name permanently etched on the walls of the Library right alongside your friends and neighbors. For information contact :

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925.283.6513

Thank you to our donors, volunteers and major community partners listed below.

New Library's Extended Hours

Monday – Thursday
10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
1:00 – 5:00 pm

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Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium Partners

- California Shakespeare Theater
- Chabot Space & Science Center
- Commonwealth Club of California
- Greenbelt Alliance
- John F. Kennedy University
- John Muir Health
- Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- Oakland Museum of California
- Oakland Zoo in Knowland Park
- Saint Mary's College of California
- UC Institute of Governmental Studies
- UC Lawrence Hall of Science

City of Lafayette & Community Partners

- Acalanes Union High School District
- California Public Library Construction and Renovation Board
- City of Lafayette Redevelopment Agency
- Contra Costa County
- Friends of the Lafayette Library
- Lafayette Arts & Sciences Foundation
- Lafayette Community Foundation
- Lafayette Historical Society
- Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation
- Lafayette School District

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If you observe illegal dumping in creeks & storm drains or accidental spills on roads, call Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Division 646-2286.

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Police Services

Emergency: 24 Hours	**911**
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours	**284-5010**
Police Business Office:	**283-3680**

Anonymous Tipline, Traffic Enforcement, Suggestions & LEARN (Laf. Emergency Action Response Network), 299-3232 X 2205

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